

XVII. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

1. Delaware (Study)

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PUBLIC LAW 102-460—OCT. 23, 1992

Public Law 102-460
102d Congress

An Act

Oct. 23, 1992
[H.R. 6179]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Conservation.
New Jersey.
Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“() DELAWARE RIVER, PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW JERSEY.—(A) The approximately 3.6-mile segment from the Erie Lackawanna Railroad Bridge to the southern tip of Dildine Island.

“(B) The approximately 2-mile segment from the southern tip of Mack Island to the northern border of the town of Belvidere, New Jersey.

“(C) The approximately 12.5-mile segment from the southern border of the town of Belvidere, New Jersey, to the northern border of the city of Easton, Pennsylvania, excluding river mile 196.0 to 193.8.

“(D) The approximately 9.5-mile segment from the southern border of the town of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, to a point just north of the Gilbert Generating Station.

“(E) The approximately 14.2-mile segment from a point just south of the Gilbert Generating Station to a point just north of the Point Pleasant Pumping Station.

“(F) The approximately 6.5-mile segment from a point just south of the Point Pleasant Pumping Station to the north side of the Route 202 bridge.

“(G) The approximately 6-mile segment from the southern boundary of the town of New Hope, Pennsylvania, to the town of Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

“(H) The Cook's Creek tributary.

“(I) The Tinicum Creek tributary.

“(J) The Tohickon Creek tributary.”.

(b) ELIGIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(11)(A) The study of the Delaware River segments and tributaries designated for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System pursuant to section 5(a)() of this Act shall be completed and the report submitted to Congress not later than one year after the date of enactment of this paragraph.

“(B) The Secretary shall—

“(i) prepare the study in cooperation and consultation with appropriate Federal, State, regional, and local agencies, including but not limited to, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy, the Delaware and

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Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission, and the Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission; and

“(ii) consider previous plans for the protection of affected cultural, recreational, and natural resources (including water supply and water quality) and existing State and local regulations, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication.

“(C) Pursuant to section 11(b)(1) of this Act, the Secretary shall undertake a river conservation plan for the segment of the Delaware River from the northern city limits of Trenton, New Jersey, to the Southern boundary of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.”.

(c) EXISTING FACILITIES AND POSSIBLE ADDITIONS THERETO.—The study of the river segments and tributaries designated for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under subsection (a) shall not be used in any proceeding or otherwise to preclude, prevent, restrict, or interfere with the completion, continued or changed operation, maintenance, repair, construction, reconstruction, replacement, or modification of the Gilbert Generating Station and associated facilities, the Point Pleasant Pumping Station and associated facilities, the Portland Generating Station and associated facilities, the Martins Creek Steam Electric Station and associated facilities, or the Merrill Creek Reservoir Project and associated facilities, or with the licensing, permitting, relicensing, or repermitting of such projects, stations, and associated facilities. Such study designation shall not preclude or interfere with the licensing, permitting, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, relicensing, or repermitting of any additions to any such facilities, so long as such additions are outside the segments of the Delaware River designated for study by subsection (a) and impounded backwater from any such addition does not intrude on any such segment, and so long as the values present in such segments on the date of enactment of this Act are not unreasonably diminished thereby.

(d) TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.—The study of the river segments and tributaries designated for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under subsection (a) of this Act shall not be used in any proceeding or otherwise to preclude, prevent, restrict, or interfere with the present or future access to or operation, maintenance, repair, construction, reconstruction, replacement, or modification of electric or gas transmission or distribution lines across or adjacent to such segments, or with the licensing, permitting, relicensing, or repermitting of such lines across such segments: *Provided, however,* That during the study of such segments, each new electric or gas

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or distribution line across any such segment shall be located no further than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the center line of any transmission or distribution line across any such segment in existence on the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

Approved October 23, 1992.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 6179:
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 138 (1992):
Oct. 5, considered and passed House.
Oct. 8, considered and passed Senate.

2. Farmington

PUBLIC LAW 103-313—AUG. 26, 1994

108 STAT. 1699

Public Law 103-313
103d Congress

An Act

To designate a portion of the Farmington River in Connecticut as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Aug. 26, 1994
[H.R. 2815]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Farmington Wild and Scenic River Act”.

Farmington
Wild and Scenic
River Act.
16 USC 1271
note.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) Public Law 99-590 authorized the study of 2 segments of the West Branch of the Farmington River, including an 11-mile headwater segment in Massachusetts and the uppermost 14-mile segment in Connecticut, for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and created the Farmington River Study Committee, consisting of representatives from the 2 States, the towns bordering the 2 segments, and other river interests, to advise the Secretary of the Interior in conducting the study and concerning management alternatives should the river be included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

(2) the study determined that both segments of the river are eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System based upon their free-flowing condition and outstanding fisheries, recreation, wildlife, and historic values;

(3) the towns that directly abut the Connecticut segment (Hartland, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, and Canton), as well as the Town of Colebrook, which abuts the segment's major tributary, have demonstrated their desire for national wild and scenic river designation through town meeting actions endorsing designation; in addition, the 4 abutting towns have demonstrated their commitment to protect the river through the adoption of “river protection overlay districts”, which establish a uniform setback for new structures, new septic systems, sand and gravel extraction, and vegetation removal along the entire length of the Connecticut segment;

(4) during the study, the Farmington River Study Committee and the National Park Service prepared a comprehensive management plan for the Connecticut segment (the “Upper Farmington River Management Plan”, dated April 29, 1993) which establishes objectives, standards, and action programs that will ensure long-term protection of the river's outstanding values and compatible management of its land and water resources, without Federal management of affected lands not owned by the United States;

(5) the Farmington River Study Committee voted unanimously on April 29, 1993, to adopt the Upper Farmington River

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Management Plan and to recommend that Congress include the Connecticut segment in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System in accordance with the spirit and provisions of the Upper Farmington River Management Plan, and to recommend that, in the absence of town votes supporting designation, no action be taken regarding wild and scenic river designation of the Massachusetts segment; and

(6) the Colebrook Dam and Goodwin Dam hydroelectric projects are located outside the river segment designated by section 3, and based on the study of the Farmington River pursuant to Public Law 99-590, continuation of the existing operation of these projects as presently configured, including associated trans-mission lines and other existing project works, is compatible with the designation made by section 3 and will not unreasonably diminish the scenic, recreational, and fish and wildlife values of the segment designated by such section as of the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

"() FARMINGTON RIVER, CONNECTICUT.—The 14-mile segment of the West Branch and mainstem extending from immediately below the Goodwin Dam and Hydroelectric Project in Hartland, Connecticut, to the downstream end of the New Hartford-Canton, Connecticut, town line (hereinafter in this paragraph referred to as the 'segment'), as a recreational river, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior through cooperative agreements between the Secretary of the Interior and the State of Connecticut and its relevant political subdivisions, namely the Towns of Colebrook, Hartland, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, and Canton and the Hartford Metropolitan District Commission, pursuant to section 10(e) of this Act. The segment shall be managed in accordance with the Upper Farmington River Management Plan, dated April 29, 1993, and such amendments thereto as the Secretary of the Interior determines are consistent with this Act. Such plan shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement for a comprehensive management plan pursuant to section 3(d) of this Act."

16 USC 1274
note.

SEC. 4. MANAGEMENT.

(a) COMMITTEE.—The Director of the National Park Service, or his or her designee, shall represent the Secretary on the Farmington River Coordinating Committee provided for in the plan.

Contracts.

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(b) FEDERAL.—(1) In order to provide for the long-term protection, preservation, and enhancement of the river segment designated by section 3, the Secretary, pursuant to section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, shall offer to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Connecticut and its relevant political subdivisions identified in the amendment made by such section 3 and, pursuant to section 11(b)(1) of such Act, shall make a similar offer to the Farmington River Watershed Association. The Secretary, pursuant to such section 11(b)(1), also may enter into cooperative agreements with other parties who may be represented on the Committee. All cooperative agreements provided for in this Act shall be consistent with the Plan, and may include provisions for financial or other assistance from the United States to facilitate the long-term protection, conservation, and enhancement of the segment designated by such section 3 and the implementation of the Plan.

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(2) The Secretary may provide technical assistance, staff support, and funding to assist in the implementation of the Plan.

(3) Implementation of this Act through cooperative agreements as described in paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not constitute National Park Service administration of the segment designated by section 3 for purposes of section 10(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and shall not cause such segment to be considered as being a unit of the National Park System.

(c) WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS.—(1) In determining whether a proposed water resources project would have a direct and adverse effect on the values for which the segment designated by section 3 was included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the Secretary shall specifically consider the extent to which the project is consistent with the Plan.

(2) For purposes of implementation of section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the Plan, including the detailed analysis of instream flow needs incorporated therein and such additional analysis as may be incorporated in the future, shall serve as the primary source of information regarding the flows needed to maintain instream resources and the potential compatibility between resource protection and possible water supply withdrawals.

(d) LAND MANAGEMENT.—The zoning ordinances duly adopted by the towns of Hartland, Barkhamsted, New Hartford, and Canton, Connecticut, including the “river protection overlay districts” in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, shall be deemed to satisfy the standards and requirements of section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. For the purpose of section 6(c), such towns shall be deemed “villages” and the provisions of that section, which prohibit Federal acquisition of lands by condemnation, shall apply to the segment designated by section 3.

SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.

16 USC 1274
note.

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) The term “Committee” means the Farmington River Coordinating Committee referred to in section 4.

(2) The term “Plan” means the comprehensive management plan for the Connecticut segment of the Farmington River prepared by the Farmington River Study Committee and the National Park Service, which is known as the “Upper Farmington River Management Plan” and dated April 29, 1993.

(3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

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16 USC 1274
note.

SEC. 6. FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, including the amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act made by section 3.

Approved August 26, 1994.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2815:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 103-430 (Comm. on Natural Resources).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 103-278 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 140 (1994):

Mar. 15, considered and passed House.

June 16, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Aug. 16, House concurred in Senate amendments.

3. Great Egg Harbor

106 STAT. 3528

PUBLIC LAW 102-536—OCT. 27, 1992

Public Law 102-536
102d Congress

An Act

Oct. 27, 1992
[H.R. 5853]

To designate segments of the Great Egg Harbor and its tributaries in the State of New Jersey as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Conservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

“() GREAT EGG HARBOR, NEW JERSEY.—39.5 miles of the main stem to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in the following classifications:

“(A) from the mouth of the Patcong Creek to the mouth of Perch Cove Run, approximately 10 miles, as a scenic river;

“(B) from Perch Cove Run to the Mill Street Bridge, approximately 5.5 miles, as a recreational river;

“(C) from Lake Lenape to the Atlantic City Expressway, approximately 21 miles, as a recreational river; and

“(D) from Williamstown-New Freedom Road to the Pennsylvania Railroad right-of-way, approximately 3 miles, as a recreational river, and

89.5 miles of the following tributaries to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in the following classifications:

“(E) Squankum Branch from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Malaga Road, approximately 4.5 miles, as a recreational river;

“(F) Big Bridge Branch, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to headwaters, approximately 2.2 miles, as a recreational river;

“(G) Penny Pot Stream Branch, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to 14th Street, approximately 4.1 miles, as a recreational river;

“(H) Deep Run, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Pancoast Mill Road, approximately 5.4 miles, as a recreational river;

“(I) Mare Run, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Weymouth Avenue, approximately 3 miles, as a recreational river;

“(J) Babcock Creek, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to headwaters, approximately 7.5 miles, as a recreational river;

“(K) Gravelly Run, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Pennsylvania Railroad Right-of-Way, approximately 2.7 miles, as a recreational river;

“(L) Miry Run, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Asbury Road, approximately 1.7 miles, as a recreational river;

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“(M) South River, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Main Avenue, approximately 13.5 miles, as a recreational river;

“(N) Stephen Creek, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to New Jersey Route 50, approximately 2.3 miles, as a national river;

“(O) Gibson Creek, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to First Avenue, approximately 5.6 miles, as a recreational river;

“(P) English Creek, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to Zion Road, approximately 3.5 miles, as a recreational river;

“(Q) Lakes Creek, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to the dam, approximately 2.2 miles, as a recreational river;

“(R) Middle River, from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to the levee, approximately 5.6 miles, as a scenic river;

“(S) Patcong Creek, from its confluence, with Great Egg Harbor River to Garden State Parkway, approximately 2.8 miles, as a recreational river;

“(T) Tuckahoe River (lower segment) from its confluence with Great Egg Harbor River to the Route 50 bridge, approximately 9 miles, as a scenic river;

“(U) Tuckahoe River, from the Route 50 Bridge to Route 49 Bridge, approximately 7.3 miles, as a recreational river; and

“(V) Cedar Swamp Creek, from its confluence with Tuckahoe River to headwaters, approximately 6 miles, as a scenic river.”.

SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT.

16 USC 1274
note.

(a) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall manage the river segments designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by this Act through cooperative agreements with the political jurisdictions within which such segments pass, pursuant to section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and in consultation with such jurisdictions, except that publicly-owned lands within the boundaries of such segments shall continue to be managed by the agency having jurisdiction over such lands.

(b) AGREEMENTS.—(1) Cooperative agreements for management of the river segments referred to in subsection (a) shall provide for the long-term protection, preservation, and enhancement of such segments and shall be consistent with the comprehensive management plans for such segments to be prepared by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and with local river management plans prepared by appropriate local political jurisdictions in conjunction with the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate representatives of local political jurisdictions and the State of New Jersey, shall review local river management plans described in paragraph (1) to assure that their proper implementation will protect the values for which the river segments described in subsection (a) were designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. If after such review the Secretary deter-

mines that such plans meet the protection standards for local zoning ordinances specified in section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, such plans shall be deemed to constitute "local zoning ordinances" and each township and other incorporated local jurisdiction covered by such plans shall be deemed to constitute a "village" for the purposes of section 6(c) (prohibiting the acquisition of lands by condemnation) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Reports. (3) The Secretary of the Interior shall biennially review compliance with the local river management plans described in paragraph (1) and shall promptly report to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate any deviation from such plans which could result in any diminution of the values for which the river segment concerned was designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

(c) PLANNING ASSISTANCE.—(1) The Secretary of the Interior may provide planning assistance to local political subdivisions of the State of New Jersey through which flow river segments that are designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic River System, and may enter into memoranda of understanding or cooperative agreements with officials or agencies of the United States or the State of New Jersey to ensure that Federal and State programs that could affect such segments are carried out in a manner consistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and applicable river management plans.

Appropriation authorization. (2) For purposes of the planning assistance authorized and reviews required by this subsection, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$70,000 annually.

Approved October 27, 1992.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 5853 (S. 3217):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-952 (Comm. Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-471 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 138 (1992):

Sept. 29, considered and passed House.

Oct. 7, considered and passed Senate.

4. Lamprey (Study)

PUBLIC LAW 102-214—DEC. 11, 1991

105 STAT. 1663

Public Law 102-214
102d Congress**An Act**

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating segments of the Lamprey River in the State of New Hampshire for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

Dec. 11, 1991
[H.R. 1099]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Lamprey River Study Act of 1991”.

SEC. 2. STUDY RIVER DESIGNATION.

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“() LAMPREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The segment from the southern Lee town line downstream to the confluence with Woodman’s Brook at the base of Sullivan Falls in Durham.”.

SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.

Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(11) The study of the Lamprey River, New Hampshire, shall be completed by the Secretary of the Interior and the report thereon submitted not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

Approved December 11, 1991.

Lamprey River
Study Act of
1991.
Conservation.
16 USC 1271
note.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 1099 (S. 461):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-348 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-230 accompanying S. 461 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 137 (1991):

Nov. 23, considered and passed House.

Nov. 26, considered and passed Senate.

5. Maurice

107 STAT. 1968

PUBLIC LAW 103-162—DEC. 1, 1993

**Public Law 103-162
103d Congress****An Act**

Dec. 1, 1993
[H.R. 2650]

To designate portions of the Maurice River and its tributaries in the State of New Jersey as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,***SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.****(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—**

(1) the Maurice River and its tributaries, Menantico Creek, the Manumuskin River, and Muskee Creek, are eligible for inclusion into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the segments and their classifications being as follows—

(A) the Maurice River, lower segment, from the United States Geological Survey Station at Shellpile to Route 670 Bridge at Mauricetown, approximately 7.0 miles, as a recreational river;

(B) the Maurice River, middle segment, from Route 670 Bridge at Mauricetown to 3.6 miles upstream (at drainage ditch just upstream of Fralinger Farm), approximately 3.8 miles as a scenic river;

(C) the Maurice River, middle segment, from the drainage ditch just upstream of Fralinger Farm to one-half mile upstream from the United States Geological Survey Station at Burcham Farm, approximately 3.1 miles, as a recreational river;

(D) the Maurice River, upper segment, from one-half mile upstream from the United States Geological Survey Station at Burcham Farm to the south side of the Millville sewage treatment plant, approximately 3.6 miles, as a scenic river;

(E) the Menantico Creek, lower segment, from its confluence with the Maurice River to the Route 55 Bridge, approximately 1.4 miles, as a recreational river;

(F) the Menantico Creek, upper segment, from the Route 55 Bridge to the base of the Impoundment at Menantico Lake, approximately 6.5 miles, as a scenic river;

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(G) the Manumuskin River, lower segment, from its confluence with the Maurice River to 2.0 miles upstream, as a recreational river;

(H) the Manumuskin River, upper segment, from 2.0 miles upstream from its confluence with the Maurice River to headwaters near Route 557, approximately 12.3 miles, as a scenic river; and

(I) the Muskee Creek from its confluence to the Pennsylvania Reading Seashore Line Railroad bridge, approximately 2.7 miles, as a scenic river;

(2) a resource assessment of the Maurice River and its tributaries, Menantico Creek, the Manumuskin River, and the Muskee Creek shows that the area possesses numerous outstandingly remarkable natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources that are significant at the local, regional, and international levels, including rare plant and animal species and critical habitats for birds migrating to and from the north and south hemispheres; and

(3) a river management plan for the river system has been developed by the Cumberland County Department of Planning and Development and adopted by the Maurice River Township, Commercial Township, and the City of Millville that would meet the requirements of section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the City of Vineland has adopted a master plan which calls for river planning and management and is in the process of adopting zoning ordinances to implement their plan, and Buena Vista Township in Atlantic County has adopted a land use plan consistent with the Pinelands Comprehensive Plan which is more restrictive than the Cumberland County local river management plan.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

(1) declare the importance and irreplaceable resource values of the Maurice River and its tributaries to water quality, human health, traditional economic activities, ecosystem integrity, biotic diversity, fish and wildlife, scenic open space and recreation and protect such values through designation of the segments as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

(2) recognize that the Maurice River System will continue to be threatened by major development and that land use regulations of the individual local political jurisdictions through which the river segments pass cannot alone provide for an adequate balance between conservation of the river's resources and commercial and industrial development; and

(3) recognize that segments of the Maurice River and its tributaries additional to those designated under this Act are eligible for potential designation at some point in the near future.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraphs at the end thereof:

“() THE MAURICE RIVER, MIDDLE SEGMENT.—From Route 670 Bridge at Mauricetown to 3.6 miles upstream (at drainage ditch just upstream of Fralinger Farm), approximately 3.8 miles to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.

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“() THE MAURICE RIVER, MIDDLE SEGMENT.—From the drainage ditch just upstream of Fralinger Farm to one-half mile upstream from the United States Geological Survey Station at Burcham Farm, approximately 3.1 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.

“() THE MAURICE RIVER, UPPER SEGMENT.—From one-half mile upstream from the United States Geological Survey Station at Burcham Farm to the south side of the Millville sewage treatment plant, approximately 3.6 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.

“() THE MENANTICO CREEK, LOWER SEGMENT.—From its confluence with the Maurice River to the Route 55 Bridge, approximately 1.4 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.

“() THE MENANTICO CREEK, UPPER SEGMENT.—From the Route 55 Bridge to the base of the impoundment at Menantico Lake, approximately 6.5 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.

“() MANUMUSKIN RIVER, LOWER SEGMENT.—From its confluence with the Maurice River to a point 2.0 miles upstream, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.

“() MANUMUSKIN RIVER, UPPER SEGMENT.—From a point 2.0 miles upstream from its confluence with the Maurice River to its headwaters near Route 557, approximately 12.3 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.

“() MUSKEE CREEK, NEW JERSEY.—From its confluence with the Maurice River to the Pennsylvania Seashore Line Railroad Bridge, approximately 2.7 miles, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.”.

16 USC 1274
note.

SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT.

(a) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall manage the river segments designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by this Act through cooperative agreements with the political jurisdictions within which such segments pass, pursuant to section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and in consultation with such jurisdictions, except that publicly-owned lands within the boundaries of such segments shall continue to be managed by the agency having jurisdiction over such lands.

(b) AGREEMENTS.—(1) Cooperative agreements for management of the river segments referred to in subsection (a) shall provide for the long-term protection, preservation, and enhancement of such segments and shall be consistent with the comprehensive management plan for such segments to be prepared by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and with the local river management plans prepared by appropriate local political jurisdictions in conjunction with the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate representatives of local political jurisdictions and the State of New Jersey, shall review local river management plans described in paragraph (1) to assure that their proper implementation will protect the values for which the river segments described in section 2 were designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. If after such review the Secretary determines that

such plans and their implementing local zoning ordinances meet the protection standards specified in section 6(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, then such plans shall be deemed to constitute “local zoning ordinances” and each township and other incorporated local jurisdiction covered by such plans shall be deemed to constitute a “village” for the purposes of section 6(c) (prohibiting the acquisition of lands by condemnation) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

(3) The Secretary of the Interior shall biennially review compliance with the local river management plans described in paragraph (1) and shall promptly report to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate any deviation from such which would result in any diminution of the values for which the river segment concerned was designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

(c) PLANNING ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of the Interior may provide planning assistance to local political subdivisions of the State of New Jersey through which flow river segments that are designated as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and may enter into memoranda of understanding or cooperative agreements with officials or agencies of the United States or the State of New Jersey to ensure that Federal and State programs that could affect such segments are carried out in a manner consistent with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and applicable river management plans.

(d) SEGMENT ADDITIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior is encouraged to continue to work with the local municipalities to negotiate agreement and support for designating those segments of the Maurice River and its tributaries which were found eligible for designation pursuant to Public Law 100-33 and were not designated pursuant to this Act (hereinafter referred to as “additional eligible segments”). For a period of 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the provisions of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act applicable to segments included in section 5 of that Act shall apply to the additional eligible segments. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to report to the appropriate congressional committees within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act on the status of discussions and negotiations with the local municipalities and on recommendations toward inclusion of additional river segments into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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(e) APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purposes of the segment described by subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved December 1, 1993.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2650:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 103-282 (Comm. on Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 139 (1993):

Oct. 12, considered and passed House.

Nov. 18, considered and passed Senate.

6. New River (Study)

106 STAT. 3438

PUBLIC LAW 102-525—OCT. 26, 1992

Public Law 102-525
102d Congress

An Act

<div data-bbox="326 420 464 472" data-label="Text"> <p>Oct. 26, 1992 [S. 2890]</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="509 420 1331 472" data-label="Text"> <p>To provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes.</p> </div>
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Civil rights. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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106 STAT. 3441

TITLE IV—NEW RIVER WILD AND SCENIC STUDY**SEC. 401. DESIGNATION OF NEW RIVER AS A STUDY RIVER.**

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof:

“() NEW RIVER, WEST VIRGINIA AND VIRGINIA.—The segment defined by public lands commencing at the U.S. Route 460 bridge over the New River in Virginia to the maximum summer pool elevation (one thousand four hundred and ten feet above mean sea level) of Bluestone Lake in West Virginia; by the Secretary of the Interior. Nothing in this Act shall affect or impair the management of the Bluestone project or the authority of any department, agency or instrumentality of the United States to carry out the project purposes of that project as of the date of enactment of this paragraph. The study of the river segment identified in this paragraph shall be completed and reported on within one year after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

Reports.

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106 STAT. 3442 **Approved October 26, 1992.****LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2890 (H.R. 5484):**

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-1038 accompanying H.R. 5484 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-468 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 138 (1992):

Oct. 1, considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 4, 5, considered and passed House, amended.

Oct. 8, Senate concurred in House amendment.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 28 (1992):

Oct. 26, Presidential statement.

7. Niobrara and Missouri Rivers (Designation and Study)

PUBLIC LAW 102-50—May 24, 1991

105 STAT. 254

Public Law 102-50
102d Congress

An Act

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Niobrara River in Nebraska and a segment of the Missouri River in Nebraska and South Dakota as components of the wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes.

May 24, 1991
[S. 248]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Niobrara Scenic River Designation Act of 1991”.

Niobrara Scenic
River
Designation
Act of 1991.
Natural
resources.
16 USC 1271
note.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE RIVER.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“() NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA.—(A) The 40-mile segment from Borman Bridge southeast of Valentine downstream to its confluence with Chimney Creek and the 30-mile segment from the river's confluence with Rock Creek downstream to the State Highway 137 bridge, both segments to be classified as scenic and administered by the Secretary of the Interior. That portion of the 40-mile segment designated by this subparagraph located within the Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge shall continue to be managed by the Secretary through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

“(B) The 25-mile segment from the western boundary of Knox County to its confluence with the Missouri River, including that segment of the Verdigre Creek from the north municipal boundary of Verdigre, Nebraska, to its confluence with the Niobrara, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.

“After consultation with State and local governments and the interested public, the Secretary shall take such action as is required under subsection (b) of this section.

“() MISSOURI RIVER, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA.—The 39-mile segment from the headwaters of Lewis and Clark Lake to the Ft. Randall Dam, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a recreational river.”.

SEC. 3. STUDY OF 6-MILE SEGMENT.

(a) STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding the following at the end:

“() NIOBRARA, NEBRASKA.—The 6-mile segment of the river from its confluence with Chimney Creek to its confluence with Rock Creek.”.

(b) WATER RESOURCES PROJECT.—If, within 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, funds are not authorized and appropriated for the construction of a water resources project on the 6-mile segment of the Niobrara River from its confluence with Chimney Creek to its confluence with Rock Creek, at the expiration of such 5-

16 USC 1274
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Register,
publication.

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year period the 6-mile segment shall be designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by operation of law, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with sections 4 and 5 of this Act and the applicable provisions of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271–1287). The Secretary of the Interior shall publish notification to that effect in the Federal Register.

SEC. 4. LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN ACQUISITION.

(a) LIMITATIONS.—In the case of the 40-mile and 30-mile segments of the Niobrara River described in the amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act made by section 2 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall not, without the consent of the owner, acquire for purposes of such segment land or interests in land in more than 5 percent of the area within the boundaries of such segments, and the Secretary shall not acquire, without the consent of the owner, fee ownership of more than 2 percent of such area. The limitations on land acquisition contained in this subsection shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the limitations on acquisition contained in section 6 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

(b) FINDING; EXCEPTION.—The 5 percent limitation and the 2 percent limitation contained in subsection (a) of this section shall not apply if the Secretary of the Interior finds, after notice and opportunity for public comment, that State or local governments are not, through statute, regulation, ordinance, or otherwise, adequately protecting the values for which the segment concerned is designated as a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

SEC. 5. NIOBRARA SCENIC RIVER ADVISORY COMMISSION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established the Niobrara Scenic River Advisory Commission (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Commission”). The Commission shall advise the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) on matters pertaining to the development of a management plan, and the management and operation of the 40-mile and 30-mile segments of the Niobrara River designated by section 2 of this Act which lie outside the boundary of the Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and that segment of the Niobrara River from its confluence with Chimney Creek to its confluence with Rock Creek.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of 11 members appointed by the Secretary—

(1) 3 of whom shall be owners of farm or ranch property within the upper portion of the designated river corridor between the Borman Bridge and the Meadville;

(2) 3 of whom shall be owners of farm or ranch property within the lower portion of the designated river corridor between the Meadville Bridge and the bridge on Highway 137;

(3) 1 of whom shall be a canoe outfitter who operates within the river corridors;

(4) 1 of whom shall be chosen from a list submitted by the Governor of Nebraska;

(5) 2 of whom shall be representatives of the affected county governments or natural resources districts; and

(6) 1 of whom shall be a representative of a conservation organization who shall have knowledge and experience in river conservation.

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(c) **TERMS.**—Members shall be appointed to the Commission for a term of 3 years. A member may serve after the expiration of his term until his successor has taken office.

(d) **CHAIRPERSON; VACANCIES.**—The Secretary shall designate 1 of the members of the Commission, who is a permanent resident of Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, or Rock Counties, to serve as Chairperson. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but the Secretary is authorized to pay expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities under this Act on vouchers signed by the Chairperson.

(e) **TERMINATION.**—The Commission shall cease to exist 10 years from the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 6. MISSOURI RIVER PROVISIONS.

16 USC 1274
note.

(a) **ADMINISTRATION.**—The administration of the Missouri River segment designated in section 2 of this Act shall be in consultation with a recreational river advisory group to be established by the Secretary. Such group shall include in its membership representatives of the affected States and political subdivisions thereof, affected Federal agencies, organized private groups, and such individuals as the Secretary deems desirable.

(b) **BRIDGES.**—The designation of the Missouri River segment by the amendment made by section 2 of this Act shall not place any additional requirements on the placement of bridges other than those contained in section 303 of title 49, United States Code.

(c) **EROSION CONTROL.**—Within the Missouri River segment designated by the amendment made by section 2 of this Act, the Secretary shall permit the use of erosion control techniques, including the use of rocks from the area for streambank stabilization purposes, subject to such conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, in consultation with the advisory group described in subsection (a) of this section, to protect the resource values for which such river segment was designated.

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SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

105 STAT. 258
16 USC 1274
note.

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved May 24, 1991.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 248:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-51, Pt. 1 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-19 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 137(1991):

Apr. 17, considered and passed Senate.

May 14, considered and passed House.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 137 (1991):

May 24, Presidential statement.

8. White Clay Creek (Study)

105 STAT. 1664

PUBLIC LAW 102-215—DEC. 11, 1991

Public Law 102-215
102d Congress

An Act

Dec. 11, 1991
[H.R. 3012]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating the White Clay Creek in Delaware and Pennsylvania for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

White Clay
Creek Study Act.
Conservation.
16 USC 1271
note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “White Clay Creek Study Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the White Clay Creek watershed is one of only a few relatively undisturbed areas remaining within one of the most densely populated areas in the country;

(2) the Creek and several of its tributaries were placed on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory List by the National Park Service for initially meeting the criteria of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.);

(3) the concerns and interests of those people who live, work, and recreate within the watershed will be reflected in the development of a study and management plan by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to this Act; and

(4) the conservation of the watershed, and its outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values, is important to the residents within the watershed and to the residents within the surrounding suburban and urban areas of Delaware and Pennsylvania.

SEC. 3. STUDY RIVER DESIGNATION.

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“ (112) WHITE CLAY CREEK, DELAWARE AND PENNSYLVANIA.—The headwaters of the river in Pennsylvania to its confluence with the Christina River in Delaware, including the East, West, and Middle Branches, Middle Run, Pike Creek, Mill Creek, and other main branches and tributaries as determined by the Secretary of the Interior (herein after referred to as the White Clay Creek).”.

SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.

Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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“(11)(A) The study of the White Clay Creek in Delaware and Pennsylvania shall be completed and the report submitted not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.

“(B) In carrying out the study, the Secretary of the Interior shall prepare a map of the White Clay Creek watershed in Delaware and Pennsylvania, and shall develop a recommended management plan for the White Clay Creek. The plan shall provide recommendations as to the protection and management of the White Clay Creek, including the role the State and local governments, and affected landowners, should play in the management of the White Clay Creek if it is designated as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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“(C) The Secretary shall prepare the study, including the recommended management plan, in cooperation and consultation with appropriate State and local governments, and affected landowners.”.

Approved December 11, 1991.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3012 (S. 1552):

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 102-344 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 102-233 accompanying S. 1552 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 137 (1991):

Nov. 23, considered and passed House.

Nov. 26, considered and passed Senate.